

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF HEARING AID DEALER EXAMINERS
JULY 8, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Payne called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. in Conference Center Room 6 located in the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, and established a quorum in accordance with IC § 25-29-2-5.

Members Present:

Robert H. Payne, H.A.D, Chairman
Martha A. Schmidt, H.A.D, Vice-Chair
Allen Reese, H.A.D.
Anthony Gigli, Consumer Member

Members Absent:

Richard Miyamoto, M.D.

Staff Present:

Valerie L. Jones, Committee Director
Kevin McDowell, Deputy Attorney General

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda.

SCHMIDT/GIGLI
Motion carried 4-0-0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 7, 2009 & MAY 6, 2009

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, of the January 6, 2009 and May 6, 2009 meeting of the Committee.

REESE/GIGLI
Motion carried 4-0-0

IV. PERSONAL APPERANCES

A. James D. Thompson, Applicant

Mr. Thompson appeared before to discuss the positive response on his application to renew his hearing aid dealer license.

Mr. Thompson was convicted of operating while intoxicated (OWI). The event happened eight years ago and was finally resolved in 2007.

Mr. Thompson currently works for Advance Hearing Technology and has appeared before the committee as a sponsor for students. Mr. Thompson currently does not have any students that he is supervising in the State of Indiana.

A motion was made and seconded to renew his license to practice as hearing aid dealer in the State of Indiana.

SCHMIDT/REESE
Motion carried 4-0-0

V. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. SHAD Renewals and Committee Procedure

The committee briefly discussed how SHAD renewals should be reviewed in between meeting dates. The committee determined that both Mr. Payne and Mr. Reese should receive all SHAD renewal applications for review and determination.

B. Jane Bowman, Indiana Hearing Aid Alliance

Ms Bowman and Mr. Giesler, representative of the Indiana Hearing Aid Alliance, appeared to discuss the possibility of moving the practical examination to an outside organization.

Ms. Bowman stated that the organizations concern is proper testing and the number of dealers in the State of Indiana.

The Committee discussed whether there should be an education and practical portion.

Ms. Bowman and Mr. Giesler were very interested in developing a course and practical examination similar to the ACA program.

The committee discussed the standards that should be in place for future hearing aid dealers.

The committee discussed remaining involved development of the practical examination and suggested meeting again in October.

C. 2009 & 2010 Meeting Dates

The committee discussed the upcoming schedule for 2009 & 2010.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Committee of Hearing Aid Dealer Examiners adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Robert H. Payne, H.A.D.
Chairman, Committee of Hearing Aid Dealer Examiners

Date